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Caledonian Mercury,

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A short Account of all the most considerable News
Foreign and Domestic.

Edinburgh, Tuesday August 13, 1723.

From the Evening Post, August 8.

Since our last arrived one Mail from France.

Paris, August 14.

WE are assured, That the Duke de la Meilleraye, has been sentenced by the Royal Council, to 6 Years Imprisonment, after which he must go out of the Kingdom for 3 Years, under Pretence of Traveling, and to pay a Fine of 20000 Livres towards repairing the Church of St. Sulpire, for having struck a Priest, as formerly mentioned. The Cardinal Dubois has left no Will, but recommended by Word of Mouth, his Domesticks, to his Nephew, a Canon of the Church of St. Honore, in this City. The Corps of the Cardinal has been brought from Versailles to the said Church, of which he formerly was a Canon himself, there to be buried.

Paris, August 11. Upon the Death of the Cardinal Dubois, the King has appointed the Duke of Orleans to have the chief Direction of Affairs, as first Minister of State; and his Royal Highness having received a Patent for that Purpose, has taken the Oaths to the King. The Count de Morville is appointed Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

Hanover, August 10. The Queen of Prussia will set out this Evening from Herenhausen for Berlin. Count Staremberg, Ambassador for the Emperor, arrived here on Sunday last, as did also Sig. Riva, Minister from the Duke of Modena.

Prague, July 31. The Hereditary Prince of Lorain is to set out from Luneville the 2d of next Month, and arrive the 11th at Schirhoff, a Country Seat not far from this Place.

This Day at Noon, South Sea Stock was 102, 5 8ths. Bank 11, 7 uths. India 130, 1 qr. African 10. York-buildings 8, 3 8ths.

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From the London Gazette.

Stockholm, July 17. O. S. The Diet here seems now to draw near to a Conclusion. The Secret Committee has had Orders to acquaint the States whatever has been brought before them, and is not yet finished. That those Matters which are of Consequence may be immediately dispatched; and the rest left to another Occasion. Yesterday it was proposed in the Assembly, That this Diet should not be dissolved, but that the Marshal, as well as those who are Representatives, should be the same at the next Meeting, and that the present Separation should be nothing but a Prorogation. The time of the Diet's Meeting again will be decided To-morrow. The Nobles, Burgeses and Peasants, have each named five Persons out of their respective Bodies, to form a Committee for examining into Ecclesiastick Affairs. The Clergy have not yet named any out of their Body, but seem to be very much alarmed at what the other States have done. An Express came hither last Friday from Petersburg, with Letters from M. Bestuchof and M. Bassowitz. It is said they do not contain any thing of Consequence.

Hamburg, August 9. N. S. Letters from Petersburg of the 19. of July N. S. say, the Czar's Gallies were then still at Cronstot, and that the Troops which were to have been put on board them had been countermanded; and some Advices say the Czar was gone to cruise with some Men of War only.

Hague, July 10. N. S. It was at last resolved Yesterday by the States General, That the Squadron of five Men of War shall put to Sea for the Streights the End of next Month and Winter in the Ports of Spain. the necessary Funds for the Charges being settled. 'Tis proposed to send also forthwith an Ambassador to Madrid, and tis thought that M. Vinder Meer, Son to the Dutch Minister who formerly resided at Turin, will be the Person.

The Directors of the East India Company, had a Deputation from the Magistracy of Amsterdam, who did Yesterday Morning make a new Representation to the States General, on account of the Ostend India Company. M. Pester has received his Instructions; his Appointments were settled Yesterday; this Day he is to receive his Dispatches; and he is to set out for Hanover forthwith.

From the Whitehall Evening Post.

Petersburg, July 17. On the 13th Instant the Foreign Ministers sailed in a Yacht from hence for Cronstot, in order to take their Leave of the Czar, but his Czarian Majesty was sailed from thence with his Fleet before they got thither; and since we have had Advice, that the Fleet arrived at Revel the 14th. The Gallies are this Day sailed thither. M. Tolstoy and Osterman, Privy Counsellors to the Czar, are the only Ministers that attend him on board. The Czariana arrived here last Night from Petershoff.

Hague, August 8. M. de Starremburg, President of the Committee de Raede died this Morning. 'Tis thought M. Noortwyck will succeed him in his Place of President. Their High Mightinesses have sent Orders to their Minister at Paris, to make Instances at the French Court, That the same Prohibition which the Subjects of Great Britain and of those Provinces are under, from concerning themselves directly or indirectly in the Ostend India Company, may be published in that Kingdom.

Paris, August 11. On the 25th past, a great Hurrican happened here, which did a great deal of Damage in the Night to the Country for about 40 Leagues, chiefly along the Soan and in the Berry; some of the Hailstones that fell were of the bigness of an Egg.

London, August 6. About three of the Clock on Monday Morning, a Fire broke out at Mr. Charters, a Tallow-Chandler in Maiden-Lane, Covent Garden, which burnt down his Work-house, wherein was a great Quantity of Candles and Tallow, and damaged some other Houses adjoining.

Last Week, a Fire happened at Cricklade in Wiltshire, which consumed near 20 Houses it broke out in a Baker's Yard, but by what Means is not known.

The Coinage of new Sixpences out of the South Sea Silver, is now going forward at the Royal Mint, great Quantities of which have been last Week delivered out and carried to the Bank.

Mr.

Mr. Payne, the Publisher of the *True Briton*, who was admitted to Bail by Judge Powis on Friday, as mentioned in our last, was on Saturday, taken again into Custody by one of his Majesty's Messengers.

Last Friday died Mr. Brown, the City Carver, in a very advanced Age.

From the Flying Post, August 8.

Paris, August 14. M. de Bence, a Counsellor of Parliament, who was reckoned worth 60000 Livres *per Annum*, was murdered on the 6th Instant in his Chamber. He was shot with two Pistol Bullets, as he was telling over a Sum of Money in Gold.

Hague, August 14. Nothing is at present more amusing here, than the Real Design of the Czar's Naval Expedition. But it does not seem to be so great a Mystery at the Court of Herenhausen, from whence we are assured, that Expresses are dispatched to the Courts of Denmark and Sweden, to let them into the Secret. The News of the Czar's being on Board, together with the Duke of Holstein, and the two Princes Homberg, has so alarm'd the Danes, that they have doubled the Guard along all the Coasts of Holstein; and all Hands are at Work, in carrying most of the Corn and Forrage upon the Coast into the King of Denmark's Magazines. They are also levelling the Heights, and drawing up Dams about Tonninghen. Mean Time, some Advices say, That the Czar is put to Sea, with no more than 6 Men of War, That he has left the Gallies behind him, and countermanded the Troops which were to go on Board.

London, August 8. We hear, that the late Dispute about the Sheriffs of this City and Country will very soon be set in a full and true Light by an ingenious Gentleman, so perfectly acquainted with the State of the Case, that his Representation of the Facts will claim a greater Regard, than any which has hitherto been published.

From the Whitehall Evening Post, August 8.

Petersburgh, July 19. The Gallies that were design'd for Cronstot are still here, and the Troops that were ordered to be put on board them, are countermanded; the Czar being sail'd only with six Men of War.

London, August 8. Yesterday arrived a Mail from France, with Advice, That Cardinal Dubois left his Will, and only recommended his Domesticks to the Care of his Nephew, Canon of St. Honore. The 11th his Corpse was carried to Paris, and deposited in the Church of St. Honore, whereof he was formerly Canon, and where he is to be interr'd.

The same Day the Duke of Orleans took the Oaths administered by the King, for the Office of Principal Minister. The Count de Morville has the Care of Foreign Affairs, in the Room of the Cardinal; and the Count de Marpus, that of the Marine Affairs.

The King's Council have sentenced the Duke de Meilleray, Son of the Duke de Mazarine, to six Years Imprisonment, to quit the Kingdom afterwards for three Years; and to pay 20000 Livres, to be applied to repair the Church of St. Sulpicius; for having struck a Priest belonging to the said Church, formerly mentioned.

The Prince of Lorain is set out for Prague, in order to assist at the Emperor's Coronation.

Capt. Perry, who stopp'd Dagenham Breach, was committed to the Fleet last Monday, by the Right Honourable the Lord Chancellor, for certain Reflections in a Printed Case, upon the Proceedings of the High Court of Chancery, and upon the Witnesses against him, in a Cause depending in the said Court between him and Mr. Botwal.

Mr. Payne, the Publisher of the *True Briton*, was admitted to Bail last Tuesday at the Secretary's Office. to appear at the King's Bench Barr the first Day of the next Term.

General Sabine set out for Scotland last Tuesday.

Mr. Turner, one of his Majesty's Messengers, arrived here last Tuesday Express from Hanover, where he left the King and the whole Court in perfect Health.

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Yesterday at Deptford, on board a 30 Gun Ship, came on the 2d Trial of Captain Dunning's new invented Engine for forcing Ships against Wind and Tides, in Presence of the Lords of the Admiralty and the Commissioners of the Navy Board, and several Thousands of Spectators; by which it appeared to be the most useful Invention for the Sea Service that hath been found out, since the Use of the Loadstone was discovered: So that the Fleets of England may, upon any Alarm, go out upon their Enemies without waiting for Winds and Tides, and the Seas may be clear'd of Pyrates and Rovers.

John Gore, Esq; one of the late Directors of the S. S. Company, having in every Thing conformed to the Acts of Parliament for vesting the said Directors their Estates, he was cleared on Wednesday last by the Trustees, and received his Parliamentary Allowance accordingly, which is the Sum of 20,000 L.

A Friendly Proposal to all Gentlemen, Farmers, Gardeners and Others, for preparing SEED, in stead of Manuring Land.

THE Proprietors propose to sell a most excellent Vivifying Liquid, for improving of barren Land, either in Corn, Seed-grain, Grass, or any other vegetable Production; whereby a single Grain of Corn or Seed, will produce more than it otherwise would without this Encouragement, from 20 to 70 Straws and Ears, or upwards; larger, fuller and bolder, than the common Manner of Tillage can do, in any Sort of Soil of equal Richness.

This Liquor is sold at Half-a-crown a Flask, with Printed Directions how to use it; being a sufficient Quantity to prepare a Specimen of every Sort of Seed or Grain, that any Person hath occasion to try an Experiment by, for their own Satisfaction; but cheaper to those that take a larger Quantity: All under ten Gallons, at 6 Shillings per Gallon; and all above, at 5 Shill. To be had at Mr. Alleyn's, Distiller, over-against the End of Gray's Inn Lane, Holborn Barrs; Pool's Coffee-house, without Bishopsgate; Mr. Collet's, Corn-chandler next the Magpye Alehouse, Whitechapel; Mr. Coward's, at the Wheat Sheaf Tavern, over-against Bear Key in Thames-street; and at Mr. Young's, Tobacconist, next the Queen's Head Inn at St. Margaret's Hill, Southwark.

This Undertaking is of so curious a Nature, that 'tis hard for the greatest Philosopher to explain the Virtues of this Compound: But this I can venture to say and averr, That by the Use of it to a proper Degree, the most tender Plants, either Foreign or Domestic, may be brought to the Temperature of this Climate, and may be cultivated far beyond any Thing extant. And for the Improvement of Flowers, I do challenge the Universe to find out any Thing to compare with it, when qualified for that Purpose. And to foreward the Growth of Melons and Cucumbers, there can be nothing found more advantagious.

I can either open the Body of any Seed, and multiply it, or foreward the Growth, and nourish it to enlarge the Fruit without the Multiply, according as the Nature of the Seed or Grain requires.

Much more may be done than can be express'd, by taking Care and proper Measures for the Accomplishment, even from the sturdy Oak to the most tender Plant that grows.

There is Corn growing in many Places; but, for Conveniency of View, in the Inner Temple Garden, where any that please may satisfy their Curiosity.

If any Persons have amind to treat with the Proprietors to come in to the Co-partnership, which they may do upon most easy and reasonable Terms, they may apply to Mr. Alleyn aforesaid, who has Articles for that Purpose.

WTE's Letter verbatim, August 8.

Last Tuesday, the Admiralty received the following Letter from Captain Solgrave commander of his Majesty's Ship the Grayhound, dated at Rhode Island the 12th of June.

ON the 7th Instant, cruizing to the Eastward of Sandie-hook, I spoke with a Pink from Virginia, the Master of which informed, he had been taken by 2 Pyrate Sloops, commanded by Edward Loe, whose Crew consisted of 575 Men, that they were mounted with 10 Carriage, and 6 Swivels Guns each, who having detain'd him some Days, had the Evening before rifled and left him steering in with the Land, designing as he believed, to touch at Block-island; on which I steered directly thither, but had very little Wind till 10, when being a-

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bout 14 Leagues to the Southward of the Eastward of Long-Island: I in the Morning saw 2 Sloops, bearing North 2 Leagues, which I concluded to be them, having then a very small Breeze of Wind at W. N. W. I tack'd to the Southward; and about half an Hour past 7, went about again, having them under my Lee, I bore down upon them at 8, when they hoisted up black Flags, and fired each of them a Shot. At Half an Hour past 8, they hal'd down their Blacks, and hoisted up their red Flags, being distant about 3 Quarters of a Mile. We came clost to Windward of them; and after having received their Fire, plyed them with Cartridge and great Shot, on which they bore up, and with them the Fire continued about an Hour, when perceiving they gained of us, we left off firing, and got out our Oars: At half an Hour past 2, being very near them, they clapt on a Wind as before to receive us, keeping clost to each other; but not being able to bear our Fire, they again bore up, and we betwixt them. At 4, the Main Sail of one was shot down, who soon afterwards called for Quarters; the other keeping his Wind Northward, we made Sail after him, but the Night coming on, we lost Sight of him; However, I am to sail in Search of him, having Reason from the Prisoner's Information, to conclude he is gone to Cape Sable to Careen.

We have the good News of the safe Arrival at Lisbon of the Brazil Fleet, they have on Board an immense Treasure, and made their Passage in 44 Days.

Yesterday the Proprietors of the York Buildings Company met at their House in Winchester Street, according to the Desire of their Governour, who, after signifying that he had met with several Indignities from the Company resigned his Government thereof. His Lordship at the same Time, delivered a Paper containing a Scheme to be considered at the next General Court for their Expences, and preventing Losses for the future; the Particulars of which are, viz. To sell their great House in Winchester Street, and return to York Buildings. To reduce the Number of Managers and their Salaries. To order the Company's Seals to be kept by 4 Managers, and to be used once a Week only in their Presence. To call their Cashier to account, and discharge him, and to have a Person at Edinburgh, allowing 100 L. per Annum, to take Care of the Estates which the Company have purchased of the Commissioners in that Kingdom.

On the 6th Instant the D. of Grafton, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, arrived at Coventry, where he was met by the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and the several Companies with their Streamers, and was conducted to the House of Edward Hopkins Esq: His Grace designed the next Day to proceed thence to Ireland.


The next Mail from Holland, is expected with the utmost Impatience to know the Certainty of the Advices given in the former Mail, of the Czar having landed his Forces in Sweden.

The Lord Chancellor has ordered a certain Baronet, concerned in the Affair of the Mine Adventure, to be prosecuted for Perjury and Subornation of Perjury.

The Bishop of Winchester lyes very Ill at the Palace of Farnham Castle.

The Papers and other Effects of the famous Mr. Colebroke, are seiz'd at Brussels; from whence they write, That the Subscription Books of their East India Company were open'd the 14th Instant N. S. at Antwerp with good Success.

PROPOSALS, for Printing by Subscription, The Ancient and Present State of the City and Suburbs of Edinburgh, containing,

I,  N Account of the Ancient and Modern Names given to the CITY, SUBURBS, and Places adjacent.

II, The Foundation and History of the RELIGIOUS HOUSES, CHAPELS COURTS of JUSTICE, COLLEGES, HOSPITALS, PUBLICK SCHOOLS, MARKET-PLACES, FOUNTAINS, &c.

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All who have any *Charters* or any other Curiosities, that can contribute to the illustrating of the *History* of this CITY and SUBURBS, are desired to send them to *William Adams* Printer, over-against the *General Post-Office* in *Edinburgh*, where they shall be carefully preserved, faithfully returned: And honourable Mention shall be made of all who assist in promoting so laudable and useful a Design.

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Haddington, August 9.

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